

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 22, 2005.

Claims 1-16 are presented for examination. Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1 and 13 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

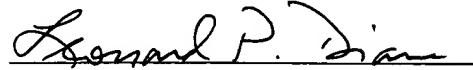
A Claim To Priority and a certified copy of the priority document for this application were filed on September 17, 2001, as evidenced by the returned receipt postcard bearing the stamp of the Patent and Trademark Office, a copy of which is attached hereto. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-16. Since the only rejected claims (Claims 17 and 18) have now been canceled, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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